

MECCA Monthly Meeting Minutes

Tues February 6, 2024, 5:00 PM at Chalet

Present-Diane O'Krongly, Norm McKindle, Jon Olsen, Jerry Leiterman, Tim Lutgen, Bernie Langreck, Larry Testin

Approval of Minutes of 1/2/2024- motion by Bernie, second by Norm

Approval of Treasurer's Report- motion by Bernie, second by Tim, carried.

Old Business

1. Jerry, Mike and Jon recently completed work on the Non-State Grant application requesting a matching grant of \$89,000 towards the estimated \$180,000 cost of construction of a new storage building for the club. The grant request was submitted prior to the January 31st deadline. The response time is unknown.
2. The sanitary district has agreed to transfer the deed for the property on which the building will be located to the Township of Mercer. Jerry and Norm will be presenting at the 2/8/24 Mercer town board meeting regarding MECCA's plans for the deeded property transfer and request the site clearing being performed by the city.
3. Bids for construction of the storage building have been obtained by 3 contractors. The building committee is reviewing the proposals and will provide a recommendation to the board of the best proposal. Cost savings options include adjustments to the heating system, drainage system and volunteer options to perform some of the work.
4. Next steps for the building program include funding, land transfer, property survey, building permits and signing a contract for construction.

5. The Osprey trail cabin plans for demolition are on hold as the building might be salvageable.

Committee Reports

Facilities- Diane:

-Due to the lack of snow, the chalet will be closed until further notice.

Membership-

-Forty members have renewed their memberships. A reminder will be sent to past members asking for their support despite the lack of snow and skiing this season.

Fundraising-

-A committee to spearhead a fund-raising campaign for the club is to be organized. A volunteer from the club to lead the fund-raising campaign is needed. Please contact Jerry for more information or to volunteer. An anonymous donor has generously offered a \$30,000 match for funds raised for the building campaign.

Candlelight Ski/Shoe/Hike

- The event was held on 1/27/2024 and was a great success despite the lack of snow for skiing. \$524 was donated by attendees. Thanks to Monica Mears for organizing the event and the many club volunteers that supported her.

Trails and Equipment-

-Bernie and Norm reviewed their recent work on equipment repairing switches, wiring and hitches on the snowmobile and Gator.

New Business

1. The club's mission statement will need to be updated

2. The club donation to Fe University of \$350 for X-C ski lessons on the MECCA trails will not be used this year due to the lack of snow so a motion to transfer the funds to next year was made by Norm and 2nd by Bernie and approved.

Next Meeting- Tuesday June 4th, 2024 at 5p in the Chalet

Adjournment- Motion to adjourn by norm, 2nd by Larry

Minutes recorded by Jon Olsen